

Questions asked during the October 2013 Vendor Conference.

Crime Reporting System (CRS)

Q. What is the Supplemental Reporting System that CRS will integrate with?

A. The existing CJRS System was not able to be updated when changes were needed, so a separate reporting system was created which is the Supplemental Reporting System (SRS).

Q. What led to the decision to develop this internally versus externally?

A. When we started thinking about replacing CJRS 2 ½ to 3 years ago, we started investigating possibilities and capabilities for this. One of the things we did is look at other states, what other states are doing and looking at what other systems are available to meet our needs. Then, looking at what we do today internally, how it is going to integrate into our systems and how it will fit into our future architecture – we came to the conclusion there isn't really a cookie cutter system right now in the field that fits those requirements, we came to the conclusion we will build a solution in house. As Sara was talking about earlier, some of the reporting capabilities still need to be evaluated - we can use a packaged solution or can build internally. That will be part of the reporting evaluation as we move forward, because we know there are some reporting tools available in other states that do exactly that much.

Q. Will we be populating the Offense codes?

A. We'll eliminate the use of MOC's.

Criminal History System (CHS)

Q. Regarding the purchase of a criminal history system, do you expect to get a Customized Off the shelf (COTS) system or a custom built system?

A. We are open to either. We have things in the RFP that, if it is a total build from scratch here's the things we'd like to see in it. We are also open to a COTS system – either way.

Q. In the slides, you spoke about three sources of data coming into CHS; Arrest information, Court information and Custodial Information. Is all of that currently coming into the system?

A. Yes that is what is currently coming into the system. That is the core of our Criminal History Data. We are not looking at changing that, but we do want to expand the categories that are in there, for example, for Court information we want to include both the case filing information and the final disposition. We are already collecting filing information through our eCharging application so we have a source to get that into criminal history.

Q. How are we getting the arrest information?

A. We are getting our arrest information from 175 Live Scans across the state. We receive over 99% of our arrests electronically from Livescan submissions sent to the Biometric Identification Service or BioID. BioID is a workflow engine and in a lot of states they have these workflows integrated into AFIS. We separated that out and AFIS just does the fingerprint matching. The booking comes into BIOID and BioID coordinates with AFIS and Criminal History.

Q. How much data duplication exists?

A. A lot. We would like to reduce the amount of duplicate information. The person information is something that is duplicated throughout a lot of systems. You'll see in the RFP that we would like to see a person identity management module separate, so we can use it as a standalone service for other systems. This is something from the RFI that we carried forward.

Other data that is duplicated in other systems between criminal history and the courts. Otherwise there's not as much duplication. NEIS (Name Event Index Service) only has pointer data. Information about this person can be found in the BCA CCH, MRAP, you can find information at Hennepin County. It points to other systems – META data – I don't consider that duplication.

Q. Are you interfacing with NDEx in any way?

A. Do we have an electronic interface with NDEx in any way? This question is broader than CHS. We have a plan to be complete on "My BCA" landing page hopefully in the first quarter of 2014 with an access to NDEx for search capabilities. Based on legislative decisions, submissions to NDEx are sent electronically from a central location which, is our comprehensive incident based reporting system (CIBRS) which is similar to NDEx just on a state level. So this is where we are on that. We know that some specific __ accounting work to directly submit to NDEx with search capabilities. We are building that into "My BCA" or the landing page.

Q. How many total users?

A. It is in the RFP – I don't remember off hand. Inside the BCA there is like 50. Via LEMS throughout the State there is a lot.

Q. Is fixing synchronization errors out of Scope?

A. Correction of synchronization errors is separate from conversion errors. There may be some issues pointed out during synchronization, like the differences between CCH and AFIS for example. They may point out that there are sync errors because we haven't been doing synchronization. They might point out, 'hey you have some fingerprints that don't have anything in CCH'. I'll say, OK there's a 100 of those, somebody else is going to have to go out and figure out what the correct resolution is to that. It is not in the scope of my project to figure out why there's a different number of fingerprints in AFIS than CCH. Right now, it's not in my scope, but I'll probably be handing somebody a list and saying, 'hey, look at what we found out in our project, have fun'.

Q. How do we envision supporting the system?

A. That will depend. When we did the RFI we got a number of options. We're looking for what your system will let us do, how much the BCA can do and what we have to let the vendor do for support. It is going to have to depend on the capabilities of the solution we buy.

Q. Will there be additional RFPs for additional services that may be discovered?

A. Right now we don't have any identified. There will be a staff augmentation RFP that combines the CRS and CHS needs, but we haven't identified any other work that will be needed. We will have some other contracts with, for example, the AFIS vendor for changes that the AFIS vendor will have to do that system.